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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 10 April 1952

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, []

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked Mr. Becker to introduce Secretary Pace at the Indoctrination Course at 11 a.m., 11 April. Mr. Becker undertook to do so.

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b. Noted the item in the Log concerning [] and asked how we were involved. Mr. Wisner stated that the top echelon of [] in all probability, was investing the money in question with an "eye toward the future" and it appeared to him that these people should be able to handle this problem with []

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c. Referred to a cable from [] and stated that it looked as though the situation [] was deteriorating. Mr. Wisner suggested that Mr. Dulles discuss this matter with Mr. Bruce at today's luncheon. Mr. Dulles agreed to do so.

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e. Noted that Mr. Sebald, the new U. S. Ambassador to Thailand, was coming in for a briefing at 11 a.m. on 14 April. Mr. Wisner expressed a desire to meet the Ambassador.

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g. Briefly discussed the conversation he had with a certain individual on 9 April concerning the procurement and delivery of a printing press to [] and stated that if a commitment on our part had been made he intended to follow through. In this connection Mr. Dulles undertook to notify Mr. Wolf prior to the purchase of the printing press in question.

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h. Referred to a story in the Washington Evening Star concerning "insurance for a thousand CIA employees behind the iron curtain" and asked Mr. Wolf to look into this matter. Done

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

i. Noted that he and Mr. Wisner had attended a meeting yesterday of the Joint Chiefs and stated that he was firmly convinced that CIA should have an observer at all such meetings.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Raised the question of reporting to the President on the Bolivian Revolution and, after some discussion, Mr. Dulles asked DD/P and DD/I to prepare such a report to be included in the President's Book.

b. Noted that he had received a report from Col. Edwards on the individual in Budget whom they desired to designate as the working level liaison officer to CIA. Mr. Dulles asked that this report be given his secretary to include in the folder of papers he was holding for the DCI.

c. Stated that he had talked to [] concerning [] confirmed the statement that the problem in connection therewith was the responsibility of State and we could do nothing further until State takes action. In this connection, he noted that State would possibly refer this to the NSC. Mr. Dulles asked that DD/P give him a report on what our people actually were prepared to do at this time [] *Dane*

d. Discussed certain items to be taken up with Ambassador Bruce today and noted that he would have a memorandum for Mr. Dulles by noon concerning the PSB.

e. Stated that he had prepared in one copy only a certain memorandum of conversation. Mr. Dulles said he would show this to the Director upon his return and then decide what further distribution would be made of this memorandum.

Mr. Becker noted that we had received an unconfirmed report that the French had a plan to evacuate, if necessary, from Tonkin to Annam and stated that he was making a further check on this information.

Mr. Hedden:

a. Stated that [] had advised him that we did not have [] worth of hardware in storage (as indicated in his, Hedden's, report to Mr. Dulles) but rather this figure was closer to [] Mr. Hedden went on to say that he had repeatedly checked the original figure of [] with [] and had been assured that it was correct. After some discussion, Mr. Wisner undertook to pursue this matter further with Col. Johnston. Mr. Hedden also noted that he had asked Mr. Garrison to recheck these figures.

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Mr. Hedden (Cont'd.)

b. Stated that Mr. Pforzheimer had reported to him that Congressman Busbey had indicated that he would raise the matter of [] Form 57 in a speech on the Floor after the Easter recess. Mr. Hedden also said that Busbey had indicated there were certain other "things" about CIA which he would include in his speech. Mr. Hedden is discussing this matter with Senator Dirksen and Col. Hansen is contacting the Washington representative of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE in order to determine whether or not something might be done to prevent Busbey from making the above address.

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Stated that (1) so far we have only committed [] of the [] recently released to us by the Bureau of the Budget; (2) TSS had requested that an additional [] be earmarked for the purchase of "gadgets" to be used for []. After some discussion wherein it was pointed out that (1) there was an immediate need for these "gadgets" since our present supply was practically exhausted; (2) there was insufficient time to wait for anything that [] could produce, the expenditure of the above [] was approved provided DD/P examined and approved this request.

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b. Noted that [] for the construction of our new building [] would go to Congress about the first of May. In this connection, Mr. Wolf noted that there was a possibility that the Veterans Administration would be decentralized and we still might have a chance for the Munitions Building.

c. Noted the item in today's Log concerning Congressman Proudly and asked whether any of those present had any indication as to why the Congressman was requesting figures on CIA personnel occupied with the preparation of budget requests for CIA. Mr. Wisner noted that since Proudly was a member of the Veterans Committee there was a possibility that he might be leading up to the number of veterans employed by CIA.

d. Noted that we might receive a call from a Mr. Osborne Pearson, Assistant Postmaster General, in connection with []. Mr. Wolf said that he and his people were "on top" of this problem and he believes it will eventually be worked out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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